Rural Sanitation Programme in Gujarat and Maharashtra

5547. PROF. PRAFUL PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rural Sanitation Programme has been revised in recent past; and

(b) if so, the amount of funds allocated and the details of achievements made in the States of Gujarat and Maharashtra during the last three years both in the revised policy and under the previous policy so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) The guidelines of the Centrally Sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme were revised in March, 1991.

(b) Pending revision of the guidelines for implementation of the programme, no funds were released in 1988-89 and 1989-90 to the State Governments including the States of Gujarat and Maharashtra. In March, 1991, a sum of Rs. 20 lakhs was released to the State Government of Gujarat and Rs. 15 lakhs to Maharashtra. In 1991-92, no funds have been released so far.

The State Government of Maharashtra had reported construction of 687 individual household latrines in 1988-89. The State Government of Maharashtra had reported an expenditure of Rs. 18.23 lakhs in 1988-89 and Rs. 6.98 lakhs in 1989-90. No expenditure was incurred in 1990-91. No report has been received against Rs. 15 lakhs released in March , 1991.

The State Government of Gujarat has not reported any physical progress for the period from 1988-89 to 1991-92 so far. An expenditure of Rs. 56.49 lakhs in 1988-89 and Rs. 29 lakhs in 1989-90 (upto December, 1989) was reported by Gujarat Water Supply and Sewerage Board. There after, no expenditure has been reported so far.

[*Translation*]

Construction work under I.A.Y.

5548. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be piease to state:

(a) whether the Government have issued directives to the State Governments that responsibility of constructing houses under Indira Awaas Yojana should be put on the beneficiaries the selves;

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware that the construction work of such houses is still being carried out by the departmental or outsider contractors and substandard houses are being constructed as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) houses are required to conform to cost-norms prescribed in this behalf and requirements of the plinth area which is prescribed to be 17-20 sq.m. In view of the experience that if the construction of the houses is left to the beneficiaries themselves, there will not only be economy in quality of construction but a large measure of personal satisfaction to them, the involvement of the beneficiaries at all stages of the construction of IAY houses has been emphasised.

However, neither any design for IAY houses nor the use of any specific material has been prescribed under the guidelines

except that in the interest of economy, locally available low-cost and durable materials should be used. As on standard materials/ designs etc. have been prescribed, it is difficult to opine whether substandard houses are being constructed.

Wherever complaints of poor quality construction of IAY houses have been received, the Government of India has got the matter enquired into through the State Government agencies and asked the State Governments to take remedial action.

The Government of India has also reiterated recently its guidelines that outside contractors should not be employed for construction of houses and that the beneficiaries should be involved in the construction right from the very beginning.

[*English*]

Uniformity in Subsidy on Fertilizers

5549. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:
SHRI K.H.MUNIYAPPA:
SHRI C.P. MUDLA GIRIYAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no uniformity in the subsidy on fertilizers;

(b) whether there is a demand by the farmers and agricultural university experts to bring in uniformity therein; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Since subsidy is the difference between the retention price (minus dealer's margin) of a particular fertilizer produced by a particular unit and the statutorily notified consumer price of that fertilizer, subsidy differs from unit to unit.

(b) No such request has been received by the Department of Fertilizers.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Jaipur Industries Ltd.

5550. SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA). Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take over "Jaipur Industries Limited" of Sawai Madhopur (Rajasthan);

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the details of the decision proposed to be taken with regard to the employees working in the said unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). The matter regarding revival/rehabilitation of Jaipur Udyog Limited, Sawai Madhopur is before the BIFR, Which is a quasi-judicial body.

[*English*]

Institute of Ocean Development in Andaman & Nicobar

5551. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open an Institute of Ocean Development in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands for research and education purposes; if so, the details thereof; and